

**SSB 6001 - S AMD 601**

By Senator O'Ban

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1 On page 66, after line 9, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 602 A new section is added to 2013 c 306  
4 (uncodified) to read as follows:

5 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

6 (1) For the 2013-15 fiscal biennium, the department of  
7 transportation shall submit a report to the transportation  
8 committees of the legislature detailing engineering errors on  
9 highway construction projects resulting in project cost increases in  
10 excess of five hundred thousand dollars. The department must submit  
11 an initial report of an engineering error within thirty days of the  
12 engineering error occurring. A full report must be submitted within  
13 ninety days of the engineering error occurring.

14 (2) The department's full report must include an assessment and  
15 review of:

16 (a) How the engineering error happened;

17 (b) The department of the employee or employees responsible for  
18 the engineering error, without disclosing the name of the employee  
19 or employees;

20 (c) What corrective action was taken;

21 (d) The estimated total cost of the engineering error and how  
22 the department plans to mitigate that cost;

23 (e) Whether the cost of the engineering error will impact the  
24 overall project financial plan; and

25 (f) What action the secretary has recommended to avoid similar  
26 engineering errors in the future. If the legislature finds that the

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1 actions taken by the secretary were inadequate, the legislature may  
2 take additional action to correct the problem.

3 (3) Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, a  
4 report must be submitted on engineering errors that have occurred on  
5 projects that are currently under construction and not yet  
6 operationally complete."

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11 On page 1, at the beginning of line 6 of the title, strike  
12 "adding a new section", and insert "adding new sections"

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EFFECT: Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the transportation committees of the legislature detailing engineering errors on highway construction projects resulting in project cost increases in excess of \$500,000 during the 2013-15 biennium.

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